

WOODS CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE WILDCATS

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DREAMED
ABOUT
SUCCESS.
I WORKED
FOR IT.

EVENTS TO REMEMBER

ACT® Test Taking Tips

SCHOLARSHIPS



Test Dates

- December 9, 2017
- February 10, 2018
- April 14, 2018
- June 9, 2018

Cost: No Writing \$46.00
Plus Writing \$62.50

Signup at www.actstudent.org

Practice Test

\$5 ACT practice test provided by

KAPLAN: Jan. 20 from 7:45 to 12:00 p.m. in rooms 411 and 412. To enroll you must follow these two steps:

1. Sign up at www.bitly:/WXHS_ACT_Jan13
2. Pay in the main office.

Enrollment is limited to 80.

ACT Preparation Classes

Woods Cross High School
Counseling Center Classes – Sign up and pay \$10 in the main office. All classes are from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Math – Feb. 26 – Mr. Winder – Room 505

Reading – Feb. 20 - Mrs. Britte – Room 212

English – Feb. 21 – Mrs. Britte – Room 212

Science - Mrs. Duffin – Feb. 22 and 23 - Room 320

Remind: To receive messages via text, please text @81010 Also check your school email regularly for messages.

1. Get a good night's rest and bring snacks and drinks for the break.
2. Arrive at Woods Cross High School by 7:30 a.m. for room assignments and to check-in.
3. Bring your photo identification, your test center admission ticket, three No. 2 pencils, and a calculator for the math test. Check to see that your calculator is authorized.
4. Carefully read the instructions on the cover of the test booklet.
5. Read the directions for each test carefully.
6. Read each question carefully.
7. Pace yourself – do not spend too much time on a single passage or question.
8. Pay attention to the announcement of five minutes remaining on each test.
9. Use a soft lead No. 2 pencil with a good eraser. Do not use a mechanical pencil or ink pen; if you do, your answer document cannot be scored accurately.
10. Answer the easy questions first; then go back and answer the more difficult ones if you have time remaining on that test.
11. On difficult questions, eliminate as many incorrect answers as you can, then make an educated guess among those remaining.
12. **Answer every question.** Your scores on the multiple-choice tests are based on the number of questions you answer correctly. **There is no penalty for guessing.**
13. If you complete a test before time is called, recheck your work on that test.
14. Mark your answers properly. Erase any mark completely and cleanly without smudging.
15. Do not mark or later change any ovals on a test or continue writing the essay after time has been called. If you do, you will be

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WEBSITE SEARCHES

<https://www.davis.k12.ut.us/Domain/7954>

<http://www.college-financial-aid-advice.com/>

www.scholarships-for-high-school-seniors.html

www.fastweb.com

www.cappex.com

www.collegeexpress.com/home

www.scholarshipjam.blogspot.com/

www.fafsa.ed.gov

TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

1. College academic, diversity, leadership, need based, athletic, and departmental scholarships.
2. Regents and New Century

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Visit Mrs. Cline in the counseling center for scholarship information.
Text @mrsrcline to 81010 to receive scholarship updates.

Utah College
Tour Day- Feb.
15 - Auditorium

JUNIOR TIMELINE - GETTING READY FOR COLLEGE

Fall (September through November)

- ♦ Start of your junior year register for and take the **PSAT/NMSQT test**. Offered in October.
- ♦ Meet with your counselor to **organize your testing strategies** and your college plan.
- ♦ **Explore colleges**. Take a deeper look at schools by regions, sizes, and academic specialties.
- ♦ **Research college costs and tuition rates** at different types of schools.
- ♦ **Narrow your college list** to 10 schools that interest you.
- ♦ Keep your stress level low by creating an organizational system for all of your **college documents**.
- ♦ **Get involved**. Pick a new extracurricular activity or two and jump right in.

Winter (December through February)

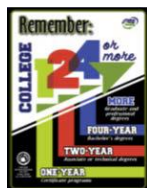
- ♦ Junior year grades will say a lot about your academic performance. Study hard!
- ♦ Scared you'll bomb the SAT or ACT? Make a test prep plan immediately to avoid such a disaster.
- ♦ Take your extracurricular activities to the next level.
- ♦ Millions of dollars in scholarships go unclaimed every year. Get scholarships for college by starting your search.
- ♦ Refine your choices of colleges by comparing and contrasting schools and attending college fairs.

Spring (March through May)

- ♦ Take and dominate the SAT or ACT.
- ♦ Beat the letter of recommendation rush by asking your teachers before everyone else does.
- ♦ Get educated about admissions requirements.
- ♦ Contact prospective colleges to schedule interview and visits.
- ♦ Construct a strong senior schedule and a stellar student portfolio.
- ♦ It's a big summer for college prep. Get involved and prepare for your college essay.
- ♦ Capitalize on some last minute tips to help you ace your AP tests in May.

Summer (June through August)

- ♦ Get the pesky AP summer reading out of the way and sign up for summer classes.
- ♦ Grab a summer job to expand your experiences and to earn money for college.
- ♦ Practice makes perfect. Begin working on your college application essay (Not all schools require an essay).
- ♦ Standardized testing season is coming again. Are you fully prepared?
- ♦ Develop a financial aid plan before the deadline stress rears its ugly head.



POST -SECONDARY TRAINING OPTIONS - COLLEGE IS NOW DEFINED AS 1, 2, 4, OR MORE AND MANY OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE INCLUDING:

1. College and Universities with certificates programs and 2 and 4- year degrees.
2. Private non-profit universities
3. Private for profit colleges
4. Community College
5. Colleges of Applied Technology
6. Business Schools
7. Specialized schools
8. Apprenticeships
9. Military
10. On-the-job training
11. Job Corps
12. Military/ROTC (Start applying junior year. Check with colleges)



COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITS



SCHOOL	CONTACT INFORMATION
Brigham Young University	801-422-4431 or https://admissions.byu.edu/campus-tours
Dixie State College	1-888-202-8783 https://dixie.edu/futurestudents/registerCampusTour.php
LDS Business College	801-524-8145 or https://www.ldsbc.edu then search campus tours
Salt Lake Community College	801-957-4543 or www.slcc.edu
Snow College	1-800-848-3399 or https://www.snow.edu/admissions/visit.html
Southern Utah University	435-586-7741 or http://www.suu.edu/visit.html
University of Utah	801-581-8761 or http://admissions.utah.edu/visit/
Utah College of Applied Technology	801-593-2332
Utah State University Logan	435-797-1079 or https://www.usu.edu/admissions/campustour/
Utah State University Price	1-888-202-8783 https://www.usu.edu/admissions/campustour/
Utah Valley University	801-863-6182 or http://www.uvu.edu/futurestudents/campus_visits.html
Weber State University	801-626-6050 or http://www.weber.edu/GetIntoWeber/VisitCampus.html
Westminster	801-832-2200 or https://www.westminstercollege.edu then search college tour

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ACT	GPA	4	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.1	3	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	2
36		142	140	139	137	135	133	132	130	128	126	124	123	121	119	117	116	114	112	110	108	106
35		140	138	137	135	133	131	130	128	126	124	122	121	119	117	115	114	112	110	108	106	105
34		138	136	135	133	131	129	128	126	124	122	120	119	117	115	113	112	110	108	106	104	103
33		136	134	133	131	129	127	126	124	122	120	118	117	115	113	111	110	108	106	104	102	101
32		134	132	131	129	127	125	124	122	120	118	116	115	113	111	109	108	106	104	102	100	99
31		133	131	130	128	126	124	123	121	119	117	115	114	112	110	108	107	105	10	101	99	98
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28		127	125	124	122	120	118	117	115	113	111	109	108	106	104	102	101	99	97	95	93	92
27		126	124	123	121	119	117	116	114	112	110	108	107	105	103	101	100	98	96	94	92	91
26		124	122	121	119	117	115	114	112	110	108	106	105	103	101	99	98	96	94	92	90	89
25		122	120	119	117	115	113	112	110	108	106	104	103	101	99	97	96	94	92	90	88	87
24		120	118	117	115	113	111	110	108	106	104	102	101	99	97	95	94	92	90	88	86	85
23		118	116	115	113	111	109	108	106	104	102	100	99	97	95	93	92	90	88	86	84	83
22		117	115	114	112	110	108	107	105	102	101	99	98	96	94	92	91	89	87	85	83	82
21		115	113	112	110	108	106	105	103	101	99	97	96	94	92	90	89	87	85	83	81	80
20		113	111	110	108	106	104	103	101	99	97	95	94	92	90	88	87	85	83	81	79	78
19		111	109	108	106	104	102	101	99	97	95	93	92	90	88	86	85	83	81	79	77	76
18		109	107	106	104	102	100	99	97	95	93	91	90	88	86	84	83	81	79	77	75	74
17		108	106	105	103	101	99	98	96	94	92	90	89	87	85	83	82	80	78	76	74	73
16		106	104	103	101	99	97	96	94	92	90	88	87	85	83	81	80	78	76	74	72	71
15		104	102	101	99	97	95	94	92	90	88	86	85	83	81	79	78	76	74	72	70	69
14		102	100	99	97	95	93	92	90	88	86	84	83	81	79	77	76	74	72	70	68	67

HOW TO SELECT A COLLEGE

FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING A COLLEGE:

- + Distance from home—Do you want to live away from home? How far away from home do you want to live?
- + Size of the school—Do you want to be a big fish in a little pond or a little fish in a big pond?
- + Size of classes—Do you want classes of 25 or 250?
- + Setting/Location—Do you want a school in an urban or a rural setting?
- + Admissions requirements—What are the admissions requirements and how do you stack up?
- + Majors Offered/Programs/Program Requirements— What types of degrees and training programs are offered?
- + Tuition Cost—How much are tuition and fees?
- + Housing— Is on campus housing available? What about off campus housing? How much does housing cost?
- + Scholarships—What kinds of scholarships are available?
- + Financial Aid—How much financial aid are you awarded?
- + Extracurricular Activities—What clubs or activities do you want to be involved in?
- + Support for First Generation—Is there funding for first person in your family to attend college?
- + Academic Support Services— What kinds of academic support are available?
- + School culture –What is the atmosphere on campus? What is the student composition of the school?



ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

UVU Summer Bridge Program

Take two college classes for FREE this summer! The classes are College Readiness and College Major Exploration. Application DEADLINE in APRIL. Visit the UVU website: summerbridge@uvu.edu.

Governor's Honor Academy @ SUU

An intense summer learning experience where students are given leadership and teamwork opportunities. Contact the Academy at 435-586-7741.

Military Academy Summer Seminar

If interested in attending a military academy, apply to attend a summer seminar. Visit websites before January of junior year.

USU Engineering State

Four-day summer conference at Utah State for students interested in pursuing a career in math, science, and engineering. For more information visit www.engineering.usu.edu/

Boys State & Girls State @ WSU

One week summer conference at Weber State where students study local, county, and state government processes. Visit weber.edu/utahgirlsstate or boysstate.org.

U of U Future Doctors Program

Health professionals from different medical fields share their experiences. Visit <http://medicine.utah.edu/outreach/>

ACT BENCHMARKS AND TEST MECHANICS

ACT works with colleges to develop guidelines to place students in courses that are appropriate for their level of achievement as measured by the ACT tests. General guidelines for college readiness benchmark scores are shown below, but may vary from college to college.

College Course	ACT Test	ACT Benchmark
English Composition	English	18
College Algebra	Mathematics	23
College Social Studies/Humanities	Reading	22
College Biology	Science	23

ACT English Test		ACT Mathematics Test	
75 items	45 minutes	60 items	60 minutes
Content/Skills	Number of Items	Content Area	Number of Items
Usage/Mechanics	40	Pre-Algebra	14
Punctuation	10	Elementary Algebra	10
Grammar and Usage	12	Intermediate Algebra	9
Sentence Structure	18	Coordinate Geometry	9
Rhetorical Skills	35	Plane Geometry	14
Strategy	12	Trigonometry	4
Organization	11	Total	60
Style	12		
Total	75		

ACT Reading Test		ACT Science Test		
40 items	35 minutes	40 items	35 minutes	
Content Area	Number of Items	Content Area	Format	Number of Items
Prose Fiction	10	Biology	Data Representation	15
Humanities	10			
Social Studies	10	Earth?	Research	18
Natural Science	10	Space Science	Summaries	
Total	40			

ACT Writing Test	Chemistry	
The Writing Test is an optional 30-minute that measures writing skills emphasized in high school English classes and in entry-level college composition courses. The test consists of one writing prompt that describes two points of view on an issue and students are asked to write a response	Physics	Conflicting Viewpoints
	Total	40

ACT PREP OPTIONS

ACT Prep Booklet - available in the counseling center or online @ www.actstudent.org. All materials also available in Spanish online.

Online Options - Online practice tests and practice questions:

- **ACT Website:** www.actstudent.org
- **ACT/Kaplan Online Prep:** <http://www.onlinepreplive.com/ela/> (free online) Recorded Events for English, Math, Science, understanding your ACT Scores and What to Do Next
- **Kaplan Test Prep:** (free activities) — Sign Up online <http://kaplan.com>
- **Utah Futures & Utah Pioneer Library:** <http://onlinelibrary.uen.org> or <https://www.utahfutures.org>
- **ACT Turbo Test:** <https://www.kaptest.com/college-prep/freesat-act-psat-turbo-test>
- **ACT Question of the Day:** <http://kaplanquizzes.com/act/>
- **Varsity Tutors:** <http://www.varsitytutors.com>
- **Shmoop:** <http://shmoop.com>
- **Khan Academy:**
<https://www.khanacademy.org/college-high-education/overview-of-act>



Private Test Prep Classes:

- **BYU Salt Lake Center ACT Prep:** <https://testprep.byu.edu/act>

KAPLAN ACT Prep Classes: www.kaptest.com/ACTISAVE25

- **Mathnasium of Bountiful:** www.mathnasium.com/bountiful
- **Strategic ACT Prep:** www.StrategicACTPrep.com - 385-424-0141 (See your counselor for a discount coupon).
- **Sylvan ACT Prep:** 801-543-4400- 70 South Fairfield Road, Layton — Sylvanlearning.com
- **University of Utah Continuing Ed./ Youth Education:**
https://continue.utah.edu/youth/class/yehs_720_act_preparatory_course_grade_10_up